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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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Francelle Philips
California Cultural and Historical Endowment
900 "N" Street, Room 461
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The City of Eureka has been working with the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) for several years to obtain necessary funding to assist in the seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of the historic Carson Block Building. The City and NCIDC have asked the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) representative to help us locate appropriate funding to save this key historic building.

CDBG representative Patrick Talbott has recently authorized a formal invitation to apply for over-the-counter Economic Development Funding in support of the rehabilitation of Carson Block Building. This program is specifically for Historic Preservation projects. The funding for this program is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and has several compliance requirements. The City has begun taking the initial steps in addressing these requirements by submitting the draft NEPA forms to the State Historic Preservation Office and by preparing the request for proposals (RFP) for the Uniform Relocation Act requirements. The next steps are for City staff to take HCD's formal invitation to apply for funding to the City Council to inform them of the opportunity and receive authorization for staff hours to be used toward this purpose. Additionally, we will be preparing an RFP for the Davis Bacon Labor Standards bid process.

We are excited at the prospect of working with NCIDC to complete the retrofit and bring the building back to its original beauty. It is a contributing building to the Old Town Eureka Historic District and we have a stake in seeing it rehabilitated. The City of Eureka would like to encourage CCHE to grant NCIDC's extension request to allow the time needed to finish the CDBG application process so the project can proceed.

Sincerely,

Cindy Trobitz-Thomas
Economic Development and Housing Director

cc: Patrick Talbott, HCD
Kathie Gentry, NCIDC
Wesley Chesbro, Representative